

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 8-12 are pending. Claims 8 and 9 are allowed. Claims 10-12 are rejected.

Abstract

As requested, Applicants have now submitted a new abstract.

Section 112 Rejections

As suggested by the Examiner, claim 11 has been amended by deleting "recorded" and substituting --stored--.

Claim 10 has been amended by deleting "recorded" in order to clarify that the mark values, which are used to modify the write laser powers, have not been recorded.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 10-11 have been rejected as being anticipated by Maeda '872. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited in amended claim 10, includes features which are not anticipated or suggested by the cited reference, namely:

- (d) recording sequentially **on a single track** the modified write laser powers.

As discussed in the previous response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2003, basis for recording sequentially on a single track may be found, for example, in Figure 1 and in the specification at page 6, line 12 to page 8, line 12. The discussion therein is incorporated herein by reference.

As also discussed in the previous response, Maeda '872 discloses, at column 4, lines 15-20, that the system stores data corresponding to five tracks including the

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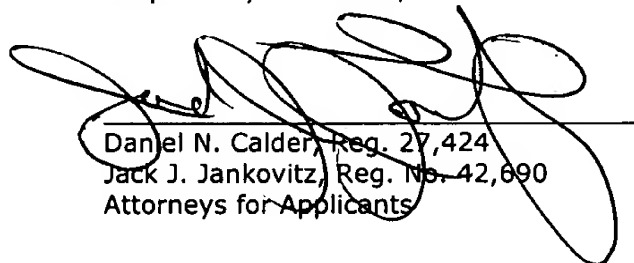
target track. A signal extraction circuit is used to extract data corresponding to the adjacent tracks in order to compute a component of crosstalk. Accordingly, Maeda '872 discloses a system that corrects for crosstalk between a target track and its adjacent tracks, based on finding components of signals provided on adjacent tracks. Maeda '872 does **not** disclose step (d) of **recording sequentially on a single track the modified write laser powers**.

The Office Action, at page 3, paragraph 8, states that Applicants' arguments with respect to Maeda '872 "is not convincing because claim 10 is not limited to recording on a single track." Applicants have now amended claim 10, so that it explicitly recites that the recording is performed **sequentially on a single track**. Favorable reconsideration is requested for amended claim 10 and its dependent claim 11.

Conclusion

Claims 8 and 9 have been allowed. Claims 10 and 11 are also in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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